PANEL OF CHAIRMEN.

PRESIDENT: Under Rule 3 (2) of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I have at the commencement of every session of the Assembly to nominate from among the members of the Assembly a panel of not more than two chairmen to preside over the Assembly in the absence of the President and the Deputy President. In accordance with that rule, I nominate Messrs. E. Subramonia Aiyar and N. Ramakrishna Pillai to the Panel of Chairmen for this session.

ELECTION TO THE STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE.

PRESIDENT: The election of a member to the Standing Finance Committee, in the place of Mr. Kannara Gopala Panickar, will take place on the 11th February 1939, after the regular business of the House is over, under the chairmanship of the Deputy President.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

Demand II.—Medical.

MR. K. P. PADMANABHA MENON (*Electrical Engineer*): Sir, I move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 3,956 for the maintenance of the electrical installation in the Leper Colony, Noornad.

The motion was put and carried; and the grant was made.

Demand IV.—Public Works Department.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 2,20,030,

(i) Rs. 2,17,910 for repairing the road between Alwaye and Munnar in connection with the introduction of the Transport Scheme, and

(ii) Rs. 2,120 for additions and alterations to the Cantonment Bungalow

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: What is the kind of work that is sought to be done?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: The wooden bridges have to be mostly rebuilt, and the road has to be straightened as far as possible by easing curves; also a considerable amount of remetalling has to be done.

MR. KOTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know from the member what was the cost of the road as it was originally constructed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I cannot give the cost now, Sir. The Transport Scheme for which this work is intended, when it is brought into effect, will be found to be a reproductive one.

PRESIDENT: The honourable member may perhaps explain to the House what the Scheme is.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: The scheme is to transport about 8,000 tons of tea in one direction to Cochin, and 12,000 tons of foodstuff and other supplies in the other direction, between Alwaye and Munnar. All this trade up to now has been going outside the State through Tuticorin. But it is proposed now to carry tea to the Cochin Port in

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